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Community Services Hosts Human Rope to Stop the Dope

Raising Awareness of Substance Abuse and Addictions

(Bel Air, MD) - - On Saturday, September 27, 2014, a large crowd formed the Human Rope to Stop the Dope on Bel Air's Main Street in front of the Harford County Administration Building. This is the second year for the event. The Harford County Office of Drug Policy Control within the Harford County Department of Community Services held the event in memory of Alyssa Whelan and others who lost their lives to drug addiction. The event raised awareness, celebrated recovery and linked together those fighting substance abuse and addictions in Harford County. Drivers traveling along Main Street joined as they honked their horns in solidarity.

"This year's turnout was terrific," stated Joe Ryan, manager of the Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy. "Thank you to everyone who participated and showed their support in the ongoing fight against substance abuse."

Citizens can make donations to the Addiction Connections Resource, Inc. (ACR), PO Box 41, Jarrettsville, Maryland 21084. ACR is a resource for people suffering from addiction, their families, and the communities that they affect.

The Human Rope to Stop the Dope was the fourth event honoring September as National Recovery Month. In its 25th year, Recovery Month promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for mental and substance use disorders. This year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Speak Up, Reach Out," encourages people to openly speak up about mental and substance use disorders and the reality of recovery, and promotes ways individuals can use to recognize behavioral health issues and reach out for help. Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential, prevention works, treatment is effective and people can recover. For more information, contact the Office of Drug Control Policy at 410-638-3333 or odcp@harfordcountymd.gov, or visit www.facebook.com/HCODCP.

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